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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
49 26 10%	56 34 10%	50 27 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

198 Million

Estimated number of roses produced for Valentine's Day 2006.

Source: www.gotfacts.com

GCSU, alumni crown new royalty

BY BECCA BROOKS
STAFF REPORTER
AND
PATTY MAGUIRE
STAFF WRITER



After weeks of coloring sidewalks with lines of chalk and handing out tasty treats to everyone who would listen, the stage was set for the crowning of Mr. and Ms. GCSU, the highlight of the university's first combined Homecoming and Alumni Weekend celebration.

Once the envelopes were opened and the winners revealed, Brad Kulgin and Taylor Sapp stood side-by-side in the spotlight.

"Becoming Ms. GCSU was very memorable; I will always cherish this experience," Sapp said. "It's very flattering, and I'm honored. I hope to do a good job."

After being nominated by her fellow Phi Mu sisters, she was very excited to be chosen to represent Georgia College.

"I was very anxious and [the process] was stressful, but very rewarding in the end," Sapp said. "I had no clue [that I was going to win]. I thought it was a very close race."

Other events including a campus open house, school specific recep-

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TOP PHOTOS BY BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER,, BOTTOM PHOTO BY RACHAEL SLOAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Brad Kulgin (upper left) was elected as the 2007 Mr. GCSU, and junior Taylor Sapp (upper right) was voted as Ms. GCSU during the homecoming game on Saturday night. The Phi Mu float (bottom) won the float competition in the homecoming parade for their depiction of "The Wizard of Oz."

GCSU questions MySpace use by teachers and staff

BY JOURDAN HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

"Jake" has requested to be your friend. Will you confirm his request?

That is what you would have seen, had you been approached by a white, blonde, baseball cap wearing, bare-chested young man on Facebook or MySpace. This particular young man was a nineteen year old Georgia Military College student pursuing his associate's degree in criminal justice. Nothing separated "Jake" from the thousands of college-aged people on these networks, or so it seemed.

"Jake" did not bother to include a few important details about himself and excluded some others. "Jake" was not a GMC student. "Jake" was not nineteen. "Jake" wasn't even white. "Jake" wasn't "Jake" at all. However, that's okay because, here in America we have a few major documents that say he can do that, right?

Right, unless you are Derrick Moffitt or any other adult misrepresenting himself for the purpose of deceiving minors. Moffitt is a 36-year-old GMC professor and prep school softball coach who was arrested Friday, Jan. 26, after being charged with felony exploitation of a child and stalking. The accusers are two teen boys and a teenage girl, but the call-in complaints have been growing. Moffitt is now free on a \$25,000 bond, but he is restricted from GMC or any other campus, restricted from computers, and prohibited from contact with the victims or anyone 18 or younger.

Anybody who has been on Facebook or MySpace knows how entertaining and/or useful those sites can be. You would also know that the accessibility to these sites is far from protected; the former requiring some kind of

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GIVE Center celebrates after decade of kindness

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

One of the school's busiest programs, The GIVE Center, started its semester long celebration of its 10th anniversary with a kick-off on Feb. 6, 2007.

The "10-10-10 Deal" was kick-off's theme and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer 10 hours and donate 10 dollars in 10 weeks. All entries will be eligible to win \$100, half of which can go to any charity of the winner's choice.

Kendall Stiles, director of GIVE Center, is one of its original founding members. She co-founded it with then-student Kate Van Cantfort, in efforts of bringing community service programs to the university and have an organized place for students to seek help should they want to start their own. A decade later, the GIVE Center is the mother-ship for many non-profit organizations here at GCSU, inspiring students

to give back to the community.

"It's real interesting and rewarding to see what the GIVE Center has accomplished for the past 10 years," Stiles said. "We started so small, and now we have all these organizations under our umbrella."

To celebrate the anniversary, the GIVE Center will be hosting several big community serv-

ice events that will include Relay for Life, Cheers for Volunteers and "The Philanthropist", a contest testing students' leadership skills through challenges. The contest is modeled after the popular reality TV show, "The Apprentice". Other events are also planned and will be announced at a later date.

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The GIVE Center celebrated its tenth anniversary on Feb. 6. The Center is the home of many of GCSU's volunteer events.

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requiring some kind of network affiliation and the latter requiring nothing but an e-mail address. In a country like ours, where anybody, and seemingly everybody, can use these sites, where do the lines between educators and students get drawn? Should there be lines? Should professors be allowed to use sites like these and communicate with students?

"Its America," Dean of Faculties Dr. Ann Gormly said. "I wouldn't put any prohibition on faculty that I wouldn't put on everybody else. MySpace and Facebook are social networking tools, so its their choice. I'm neither for, nor against them."

The internet has always been a little grey regarding rules about how it can be

used. It is true that these websites are open to the public but are there unspoken boundaries or "norms" between educators and students?

Dr. Stephanie McClure uses Facebook, but is careful when it comes to her students.

"I don't (invite students)," McClure said. "But I haven't ever rejected anyone's invitation. I let students know that their profiles are public and I encourage them to use WebCT or e-mail, because that's what I check most often."

Professors are aware of the Web sites' communicative capabilities and this can be seen in "groups" such as the "Faculty who use Facebook because it's the only way to communicate with students" group.

However, there is a difference in the way some educators use these sites compared to the way students do.

"I have a strong sense of the public, permanent, judgeable nature of some-

thing like that," McClure said. "Its this frozen, static me that people can interact with when I'm not there. So its my professor self that's on Facebook, not my Stephanie McClure self."

It seems that some professors recognize boundary roles and others might not, in the same way that some students are cautious about what goes on their pages and others post their lives for the whole world to see.

GCSU student Odinaka Ezeokoli has faculty as

friends on both MySpace and Facebook.

"I have two professors on MySpace and a few on Facebook, and I asked them," Ezeokoli said.

Ezeokoli doesn't believe it would be unusual to be friend requested by a professor.

"I don't think a professor I wasn't cool with would want to be "friends" with me, so as long as I as cool with them I wouldn't have a problem with it," said Ezeokoli.



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Professors and students can friend each other on Facebook.

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Denise Chambers, a sophomore art and community health major, is among the many participants of the GIVE Center's anniversary events.

"It's a great way to commemorate this event since the GIVE Center has helped so many students," Chambers said. "We are also encouraging students to turn in their hours so that the GIVE Center can have it for the records."

The kick-off would

hopefully inspire community servants to turn in their hours, which many forget to do.

"The hours are every important because it shows what we have done," Stiles said. "The more we have this, the better are our chances at getting funds which helps a lot of organizations within the GIVE Center for any programs that students have in mind."

The kick-off invited students to pledge in community service hours and money. A drawing on April 17 will determine the win-

ner.

"Hopefully, the students will realize how important and how easy it is to accomplish 10 hours of service in 10 weeks," Chambers said. "Many of them do it already, they just don't realize it."

Paul Sedor II, GCSU alumni and assistant director of the GIVE Center, is ecstatic about the anniversary.

"It's a great way to commemorate the accomplishments of the past decade," Sedor said. "And it gets me excited to see what we can do for the next 10 years."

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Homecoming

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tions and the opportunity to attend the Homecoming basketball game and parade.

One weekend highlight was the Peabody dedication, which consisted of the unveiling of a marker to recognize the original Peabody High School building, where the Ina Dillard Russell Library stands.

"It was like living history," said Herby Agnew II, acting Director of Alumni Relations.

Chairman of the Alumni Weekend Planning Committee Stephen M. Stewart, a graduate in the classes of 1977 and 1980, believes the event was well received.

"It was very successful, as we had a lot of positive comments about the activities provided," Stewart said. "One highlight was the parade, which students were involved in."

Agnew said the ceremony was worth it just for the stories and conversations alone.

"One lady promised, 'I'll be back for my 70th [reunion] as long as I'm

vertical!'" Agnew said.

Interestingly, the alumni who attend are often older (the oldest was from the class of 1939) and the committee would like to see more recent alumni attend. However, many young adults do recognize the weekend as a premier social event.

Lindsay Moody, class of 2004, enjoyed her third Alumni Weekend.

"I come back every year because I know it's an easy way to catch up with people I've graduated with and haven't seen in awhile," Moody said. "I'm excited to see my former cheer-leading squad."

While Stewart knows there is always room for improvement, Agnew believes all who attended were pleased.

"It's a matter of quality over quantity and the people who came had a quality weekend," Agnew said.

Amy Nitsche, vice president of University Advancement, agreed with Agnew.

"If those of us who worked on it had fun, there's a good chance the participants did too," Nitsche said.

Homecoming parade was another successful addition to the festivities

this year. Some of the floats participating in the parade were designed to honor the Mr. and Ms GCSU candidates, while others entered just for fun or to promote their organization. Overall, 17 floats participated in the parade.

Freshman Ryan Vincent, a mass communication major, said that even though the parade was a new tradition, he enjoyed the event.

"The parade was fun," Vincent said. "It made me feel like I was getting involved. It was positively reminiscent of high school."

The Campus Activities Board, one of the sponsors for Homecoming events, successfully continued their semester theme, riding a fire engine.

"CAB certainly 'put out' on the fire engine," said Richard Kerr, a junior international business major.

Kayla Pohl, a freshmen nursing major, works for CAB and believes the table they sponsored throughout the week increased school spirit and was helpful in letting students know what was going on.

"Plus, on our float, we threw out T-shirts, which the crowd loved because it was better than candy," Pohl said.

Third place in the float competition was awarded to Baptist Collegiate Ministries for their covered wagon float and Delta Zeta won second for promotions of their Ms. GCSU candidate.

Phi Mu won first place with their "Wizard of Oz"-themed float. Phi Mu President Libby Ellis, a junior psychology major, was the mastermind behind the float.

"It feels amazing to win. We worked really hard," Ellis said.

The sorority has already



RACHAEL SLOAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There were 17 floats in the GCSU homecoming parade.

made plans for the cash prize.

"We're going to take everyone out to dinner that helped, especially the people outside of Phi Mu who helped," Ellis said.

Sapp was similarly enthused about the parade addition to the homecoming agenda. She hopes that in the future, it gets bigger and that there will be more widespread student involvement.

Assistant Director advising the Greek organizations on campus, Reese

Fitzpatrick, was called upon from Dr. Bruce Harshbarger to help organize the parade.

"[The parade] was a huge success, especially since it was the first one," Fitzpatrick said, "Hopefully it will get bigger and more people will want to stay here and attend next year."

Most attendees to the homecoming events agreed that there should be more student involvement. While there was a decent amount of people on the streets of

the parade, Fitzpatrick hopes to see more in the future.

"Anytime we can make a tradition, we like to get [the students] excited about their school so that they want to stay on the weekends" Fitzpatrick said.

When describing his vision for the weekend, Agnew shared some of his favorite India Arie lyrics.

"If young people would talk to older people, it would make us such better people," said Agnew.

THE SGA NEWSFEED

The Student Government's Spring Semester is fully underway. This past week, the Senate granted the GCSU College Republicans \$500 to help the organization attend the Conservative Political Action Conference at the end of the month. Likewise, the Senate also received a bill this week requesting \$650 to the school's Music Therapy Society. If approved, the money will go towards a trip to the Annual Southeast Region

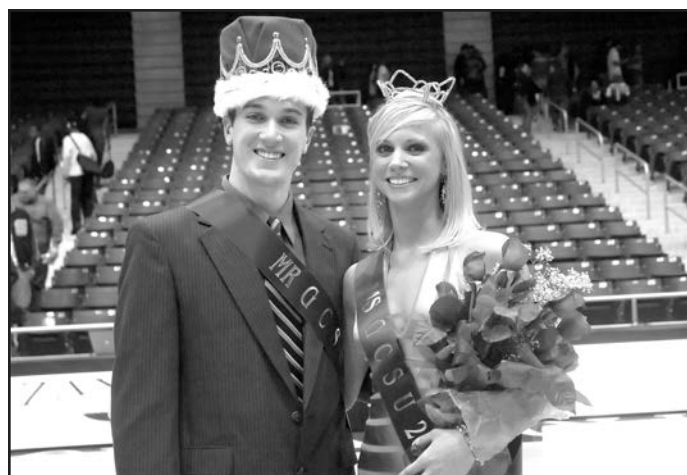
American Music Therapy Association late this March. Like many organizations, The Music Therapy Society receives no monetary help from the school, and annually relies on the Student Government Association to help alleviate the costs of events. If your organization needs financial assistance, contact your SGA senator or drop by the senatorial office in the Student Activity Center.

On campus, SGA just wrapped up its campus-

wide Mr. and Ms. GCSU elections. SGA would like to thank all those who participated, as well as all the students who came out to vote!

In the near future, SGA will be holding its officer elections – so keep your eyes open for the future SGA leaders, as well as their campaign advertising!

Submitted by
Senator Justin Haight



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Brad Kulgin and Taylor Sapp were elected as the 2007 Mr. and Ms. GCSU.

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2 p.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Newberry, The Centennial Center
5 p.m.	Bobcats Baseball vs. North Greenville, Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)

1 p.m.	Bobcats Baseball vs. North Greenville, Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)
10 p.m.	Red and White Scholarship Ball, Magnolia Ballroom

11 a.m.	Men's Tennis vs. Shorter, Centennial Center
11 a.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Shorter, The Centennial Center
1 p.m.	Lady Bobcats Softball vs. #12 Alabama-Huntsville,
3 p.m.	Peeler Athletic Complex (West Campus)
	Men's Tennis vs. Fort Valley State, Centennial
	Center
3 p.m.	February Lecture Series at Andalusia, Dining room
	of main house at Andalusia
3 p.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Fort Valley, The Centennial
	Center

7.30 p.m.	Chix with Stix: A Female Percussionist Group, Max Noah Hall
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	"Kindred Spirits," by Arturo Lindsey and Fahamu Pecou, Blackbridge Hall Gallery

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Service Fair, Porch of Ennis Hall
7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.	Global Warming Teach-In: Climate Change Effects on Human Systems, University Banquet Room
7.30 p.m.	Student Recital, "A View Inside Songs in Therapy: Original Songs Performed by Music Therapy Majors, Arts and Sciences Auditorium

10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays: Interviewing/Skills ID, 232 Lanier Hall
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	CETL Workshop, 115 Beeson Hall
2 p.m.	2006 Service Recognition and 2007 Retirement Ceremony, Arts and Sciences Auditorium
5 p.m.	SIFE Meeting, 109 Atkinson Hall
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Opening Reception: "Kindred Spirits" by Arturo Lindsay and Fahamu Pecou, Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery
8 p.m.	"A Streetcar Named Desire", Russell Auditorium

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Community Health: What To Do With This Major? University Banquet Room A
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	"Kindred Spirits," by Arturo Lindsey and Fahamu Pecou - Artist Reception, Blackbridge Hall Gallery
6 p.m.	"Kindred Spirits," by Arturo Lindsey and Fahamu Pecou - Gallery Talk, Blackbridge Hall Gallery
7:30 p.m.	Goliard Southeastern Music Festival, Max Noah Hall
8 p.m.	"A Streetcar Named Desire", Russell Auditorium

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Boyfriend, girlfriend dispute how dispute went

On Feb. 8, at approximately 1:45 a.m., Officer Reonas was dispatched to Bobcat Village in reference to a dispute in the parking lot. Contact was made with a female student, who advised the officer that she and her boyfriend had an argument and that he threw her over his shoulder and carried her through the parking lot, where both individuals fell, causing them both to get scratches. Contact was made with the boyfriend who was barefoot and was covered with scratches. He stated that he did not touch his girlfriend, but his girlfriend struck him. The boyfriend stated he did not want to press charges. When asked if he had been drinking alcohol, he stated that he had been drinking heavily. The boyfriend was arrested and transported to Milledgeville P.D. and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

A repeat offender

On Feb. 9, at approximately 2:01 a.m., Officer Reonas initiated a traffic stop at Bass Alley. Contact was made with the driver and the odor of alcohol could be detected coming from the individual. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, the driver registered a .178 BAC. The driver

*Information compiled
by Jessica Murphy*

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It's Black History Month!

Do you know why February is **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**? “Black History Month” and the study of black history is greatly owed to Harvard scholar Dr. Carter D. Woodson, who first launched “Negro History Week” in 1926. Woodson chose February because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the Black experience in the United States, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

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DOMINY'S DOODLES

BY KYLE DOMINY



Global warming being taken to extremes



BY WILL THOMPSON
COLUMNIST

It seems that every where you turn on this campus there is talk about “global warming.” Whether the venue is science or global issues classes, or even school sponsored lectures, global warming is treated as an absolute truth. I must admit that I don't have a Ph.D in science and I can't look at the sky and tell you just how much global warming (if any) is taking place. So instead, I will allow well-respected scientists to make my points for me.

Just last week a person called man-made climate change “the greatest deception in the history of science.” Who do you think that man was? Rush Limbaugh possibly, maybe Bill O'reilly? It was actually a former climatology professor at the University

of Winnipeg (Canada) named Timothy Bell.

Global warming believers are probably thinking he's just some crazy nut that has gone senile. If I looked hard enough I could probably find someone to tell me anything that I want to hear. But, could I find 15,000 people to tell me what I want to hear? Fifteen thousand scientists worldwide have signed a petition to the United States government notifying them that there is no such thing as global climate change. I would list all of their names (since they are available on the Web), but their names wouldn't even fit in this Colonnade newspaper.

Global warming believers are probably thinking those scientists must be on something, maybe they've sniffed their chemicals a little too much. After all, haven't we all felt how warm this winter has been in Georgia? I'm sure people in New York who faced over 10 feet of snow just a week ago would love to hear the horrors of global warming. Likewise, Chicago is facing their coldest winter in 11 years, and I think they know what a cold winter feels like.

But even looking at this

historically, global warming appears just to be the latest “doomsday fad.” Back in the 1970s, people all over the world were worried that our actions were creating a “global cooling.” In other words, just 30 years ago we were scared we would freeze to death. Back in the 1990s everyone was worried that driving their little Ford Pinto was causing holes in the ozone layer. I haven't even heard a word about the ozone layer since Y2K (another doomsday fad).

Historically we aren't even sure that this is a very “warm” time to be living in. The data we have for temperatures only go back about 100 years in most places so it's extremely difficult for even the best trained scientists to play fortune teller about the future. According to the data that exists, global temperatures are, on average, one degree warmer than they were a century ago. Even still, scientists can't come to a conclusion why the world is, on average, one degree warmer. Scientists in Germany and Finland both released a report in December 2003 claiming that there has been an increase in solar activity which could largely affect global tempera-

tures. It actually makes sense, the hotter the sun is, the hotter the Earth is.

A few months ago, the United Nations released a report where they named the number-one cause of global warming. The real global warming perpetrator: cows. It turns out that cows release methane gas that is supposedly a large factor in global warming.

In writing this editorial I'm not trying to criticize people that support the notion of global warming. I would be the first to admit that temperatures are reportedly one degree warmer today than they were a century ago. Maybe larger cow populations and increased solar activity have led to a slightly warmer climate. While I believe that taking global warming to a “doomsday” extreme is ridiculous, I am reassured by the outpouring of love that global warming believers show this Earth. People should recycle and try to take care of this environment whether or not they believe arctic ice-caps will ever melt.

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On the importance of being a good hugger

BY JERRY A. CALBOS
COLUMNIST

For those of you who are sociology and psychology majors, you know what I mean when I say the phrase “social interaction.” It's not difficult to figure out what the phrase means, if you are social sciences major. For those who don't know what it means, though, here's a brief definition.

Social interaction is the relationship a person has with a certain event, usually involving another person. However, there is a deeper relationship one must reveal, to understand where I'm going with this

topic.

Social contact is one form of social interaction, the most popular of which is hugging. People who don't show love and kindness generally have not either had it before in their lives or they've had a bad experience which prevents their hearts from warming.

I don't know which one of these two reasons is the main reason most students do not smile or say “hello” or “good morning,” etc. when one passes by them. I certainly would like to know. However, one theory is that perhaps it's the constant use of cell phones by students all over creation which prevents them

from having proper social interaction.

Perhaps they were taught by their parents to not be polite. Perhaps they learned at a very young age to not say “hello” to someone passing by them. Perhaps they grew up in New York City. But certainly the couple thousands of students that pass by certainly didn't all grow up that way. This is the South, center of hospitality.

Due to this lack of social interaction, here's a challenge. Hug someone that you're acquainted with, whether they're a friend or someone just in your classes. See if that

changes the atmosphere of the campus. Perhaps students will be friendlier. Maybe the use of cell phones will drop. But, that could be too much of a generalization.

Social interaction on campus, what a concept! Maybe if each person hugs someone, no, make it as many people as they are acquainted with, that will change the personality of students on campus, at least temporarily.

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Our Voice

News at the speed of dull

Anna Nicole Smith, a celeb-reality star and tabloid favorite, died recently, sending the media into a frenzy and getting prime coverage on every single newscast in the past week. Also, on that same week many things happened in other parts of the world, like people dying because of the war and famine, mother nature going crazy with all the snow up north burying people in unusually large amounts of snow, and candidates announcing their presidential bid among many others... but of course, many do not actually know that any of these happened because the mystery that surrounds Smith's death, not to mention the real father of her baby is more interesting than the actual news.

Is there something wrong with this picture?

It is unfortunately true that the state of the newsroom has gone downhill in recent years, putting more emphasis on the death of someone who probably was a very nice person, yet contributed as much as John Doe to the state and welfare of the world. Not to say that her life was insignificant, but there were probably people that died in that same week that deserve more recognition.

Many would say that the media masterminded this, they are, after all, in control of what information is out there, but we do have the choice to not get sucked in. We have the choice to not care about this type of news and actually care about real news.

Many students in our age group are so uninformed when it comes to current events. And we get it. Real news is sad. It's depressing. And some days, they all sound the same. But that's the real world. That is the real “reality” T.V.

Something has to be done. We owe it to ourselves and to the future of this generation to stay informed. One day our grandchildren will ask us where we were when that certain big news happened, when that change in history occurred, and it might not mean so much now, but it matters. This is our history and our generation is writing it.

We cannot fight for causes we do not know; we cannot stand for issues we do not understand without knowing what is actually going on outside our protective bubble.

And besides, to actually read or watch real news can take as little five minutes. You know what happened in Grey's Anatomy and House. And you probably sat there and watched the ridiculously long commercials when all you needed to do is flip that remote to Headline News and watch the headlines scroll across the screen. It takes three-minutes, then another three on the next commercial. By the time your show is over, not only have you watched Grey's but you could have also learned a little more about the world and elevated yourself from mediocrity informed to somewhat informed. Hey, it's something.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lesson in marketing

Dear Editor,

Walking back into the dorms after leaving the homecoming parade, I picked up an issue of The Colonnade and much to my surprise, I stumbled across the article, "Homecoming meaningless unless properly promoted."

I thought about the event which I had just left and realized the complete reality of it all. The lack of people on the streets, the lack of cheering from the students watching the parade, and the lack of school spirit was nothing to get too excited about. Where was the attention on having school pride? Instead it was based around our Greek Life and who was going to be voted Mr. and Ms. GCSU. There is nothing wrong with this and the tradition of Mr. and Ms. (GCSU) is well respected. But the parade consisted of nothing with school colors, no mascot, no school chant and absolutely no acknowledgement of the homecoming game that evening. No wonder we're not filled with complete excitement and a warm, fuzzy school spirit feeling. Homecoming is usually celebrated as a week of fun in which anticipation builds by having five or so themed days leading up to the big game or event.

Our school's big event is the basketball game. Basketball is a wonderful sport and our school doesn't put a big emphasis on school spirit when it comes to the games, so many don't bother attending. The students should be making basketball games a big deal and supporting our team.

Other schools have a life around football, which we obviously don't have here, so why not put emphasis on an event that can give us a sense of GCSU pride?

I love the fact that (The Colonnade) says "The school needs to spend less time worrying about our image and more time building school unity." I couldn't have said it better myself.

And if the school does decide to have a school spirit day or a pep rally before the homecoming game as proposed, make sure it is advertised and everyone can get involved.

Sincerely,
Andrea Salleras
Freshman
International Business

ESC tackles global problem

Dear Editor,

Global Warming is an issue that affects people everyday. More people need to be aware that what they do in their daily life affects their environment and future. I was very pleased to see what a great job ESC (Environmental Science Club) has done to raise awareness about global warming.

The issue of global warming worries me greatly because this affects my way of living. If people do not start getting concerned and changing their habits, it could lead to the emission of more greenhouse gases causing devastation and deterioration of this world. Increasing ocean temperatures could cause more "Hurricane Katrina" tragedies. It's no longer a question or myth of what global warming could cause, because we have already started to see the effects of our actions with the environment.

It is a relief to me that ESC has taken it upon them to have this global warming seminar. I think the kiddypool and beach volleyball on front campus really caught people's attention. Also, I liked how they made such a serious issue humorous and relatable to the on-lookers and students on campus. So once again I applaud ESC for such a good job and encourage people to find other, more positive ways to change the environment.

Sincerely,
Cara Wilmer
Freshman
Mass Communication

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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY: LEE SANDOW

Poll of the week

What song will you play for your sweetheart this Valentine's Day?

I Believe in a Thing Called Love - The Darkness	30%
Crush - Dave Matthews Band	20%
Amazed - Lonestar	20%
Closer - Nine Inch Nails	10%
Check Yes or No - George Strait	10%
HWC - Liz Phair	10%

Next week's question:

Which holiday is the most commercialized?

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"What are your thoughts on Global Warming?"

"I think it is an issue that a lot of people don't place as important. More attention needs to be brought to it."

Robbin Abercrombie, Senior, English

"I used to wear shorts a lot during the winter months and though I see I still can, I don't think it is very fashionable at this point. I believe global warming is a very serious issue, but who doesn't want more ocean. Bring the beach closer to me!"

Nick Simmons, Sophomore, Fine Arts Studio

"I didn't think about it too much until people started talking more about it on the news. During the winter months in Georgia there used to sometimes be a chance of snow. Now, it is so warm. In NY, they were supposed to have a good bit of snow. There was none. Global warming is taking such a fast effect."

Simone Jameson, Freshman, Mass Comm.

"The issue of global warming is definitely a bad thing. I hate Georgia because it stays so warm all year long. I want to see cold weather during the winter months. Once the ozone layer depletes, we are all in trouble."

Josh Outlaw, Sophomore, General Business

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Yes girls basketball is slow, but come on, people, show your support and come to the womens' games!!!

You can always tell when The Colonnade inserts it's own vents. They're far too cohesive to be sent by anyone else.

Life lesson #34: When it's late on the weekend and you miss the toilet, it's good to have buddies who'll clean it up for you while you pass out on the hotel bed they'd intended for themselves. Ahhhh.

So wait, was I at a basketball game or a Greek function last Saturday? Cause I felt I was at a Greek function. The sad thing is that less than half of the people at that game will never really care about our teams because its not a Greek function.

Oh yeah and the float competition was complete P-O-L-I-T-I-C-S.

24/7 is a lie.

To the kid who vented about police busting underage drinkers: Provide the police with accurate reports where drug deals are going down and I am sure they will respond. Otherwise stop crying because you think getting wasted is something underage immature kids should be able to do in public. Grow up, son.

Raise your hand if you like the kid at the basketball games with the bright question mark t-shirt and ugly pants.....ya, me either.

If you are looking for a great movie to rent, there is none better than Snakes on a Plane. It's got it all from the unnecessary sex scene to Samuel L dropping the f-bomb. It's magical.

Congratulations to the new Mr. GCSU. I was disappointed, however, because the guy who earned the Mr. title for high school had to strip down and dance and flex his muscles. I miss the old days.

I'm not going to preach the existence of a God to you, but someone sent the rain to wash away all of the Mr. and Ms. GCSU chalk, and for that I am grateful. AMENDMENT: Having been caught in the Tuesday rainstorm, I rescind my previous statement about the benevolent rain god.

Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name **ColonnadeVent**. Comments can be sent anytime, any day of the week.

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The continuing purpose of Black History Month

BY JAMIE FLEMING
SENIOR REPORTER

If you go into any public school, you are likely to see photos and information about Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks. During this month, students learn about the accomplishments of African-Americans, communities put on events, and the media celebrates African-Americans. Being in the 21st century, many people question if this heritage month, and others like it, is really needed.

Roderick Sylvester, a sophomore middle grades education major, said that Black History Month is necessary.

"I think Black History Month is definitely important, all for the sake of enforcing the fact that our heritage is very rich and worthy of a celebration," Sylvester said. "However, I think we, as African-Americans, can do a better job in acknowledging the month in realizing just how far we've come as a people and as a culture."

What is now known as Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. He chose to take on the task of writing black Americans into the United State's history. He created Negro History Week to bring national attention to the roles of black people throughout American History. He selected the second week of February because it marked the birth-days of two men who he felt greatly impacted the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The week changed to Black History Month in 1976.

Andréa Walker, a sophomore pre-optometry major, said Black History Month is still needed and is still important, not just for African-Americans, but for everyone.

"It's a big part of what's happened here in the U.S., and I don't think that it should be forgotten. The purpose of having Black History Month is to make sure minorities are not forgotten. The majority is never forgotten," Walker said. "We all learn about the presidents of the past... A lot of people, even now, as long as we've had Black History Month, don't know black history and what we've contributed."

Walker said that displaying information about black achievement would most likely cause people to want to learn more.

"I think (Black History Month) invokes people to

research and try to further understand beyond what you just learn in the classroom, which I think is really important," Walker said. "I did a bulletin board on lupus awareness and a girl came up to me and said, 'I have lupus, and I appreciate that you put that up there because a lot of people don't know about my disease.' A lot of people don't know about Black History Month, Hispanic History Month, Asian History Month; they're all important. I know mainstream, White culture and history; I need to know about minority history, stuff that you don't learn in the classroom all the time."

Kelly Millsaps, a sophomore creative writing major, said black history is just as important as anything else taught in history classes.

"I think it's important to

remember our past and what has happened," Millsaps said. "It's a good way to educate people on matters they may not otherwise know."

Millsaps said that while people who say there should be a White History Month have a point, Black History Month is still needed.

"If everyone else has it, why not one for Caucasians?," Millsaps said. "A lot of what we learn about is White, European males already, so I guess it's not necessary to have a month dedicated to it."

Sophomore biology and pre-med major Tameka Dean said she thinks this heritage month is important, but that it's a little amount of time that people use for a lot of information.

"I think it's a little like a cram session of black histo-

ry, but it's better one month than none," Dean said. "Usually in textbooks we read a little section on slavery, and we might get a few sentences, or if we're lucky, maybe a paragraph, but it gives us a month to actually be proud of being black. It should be celebrated year round, but I'll take a month."

Senior creative writing major Joey Hall said Black History Month is important, but it should encompass more than what is typically learned.

"It's obviously necessary, but the only thing I every remember learning about Black History Month besides Martin Luther King is that George Washington Carver came up with like a million ways to use the peanut," Hall said. "I mean, it's got to be more to it than that."

Hall said that the idea of

Black History Month being more than about King or Carver is not realized.

"Black History Month extends beyond (Martin Luther King and Civil Rights). There's more to it (than that)."

Karla White, a sophomore Chemistry and pre-pharmacy major, said the month is necessary and helps Americans work toward a future founded on the principles of tolerance, patience and equality.

"Black History Month is important because it allows everyone to be optimistic about the path race relations are on," said White.

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Why is there always a 'black table' at Sodexho?



BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

It has been 60 years since the movement for equality started. It has been 50 years since the Supreme Court declared in the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that segregation in schools was unconstitutional.

The legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and many others that braved and fought against discrimination, lives on today. It is a reminder that, because of them, there is equal opportunity for anyone who seeks it.

Opportunity does not discriminate against race or beliefs. It can not tell between brown, white, black, red or yellow. It is the people that discriminate.

I may have been naïve, but I did not expect to go to a college where black people always seem to sit on one side of the dining hall. Anyone can tell you exactly what area of the dining hall they sit because it's that noticeable.

Of course, this problem is relatively minor, but it is a trend that can be seen at any campus across America with tables providing the racial divide and several cultural demarcations that should no longer exist except only in memory.

Sure, it's just a table. It is just lunch. It's an event that can last for as little as 15 minutes; yet, I believe that is a problem rooted far deeper than we can see.

But it is not a memory and not another page from a history book. It's reality and it is what we have today.

Of course no one mandated this. There isn't segregation. It's unconstitutional. We just simply sat this way the moment school doors opened every first day of school. The amazing thing is that even as we promote diversity and acceptance, no one stopped us from doing it. The school didn't try to break up the tables. Imagine if they did. I'm sure parents would complain and the race factor would inevitably fly out of nowhere and we would therefore be labeled racist.

It's 2007 and we have segregated tables. No longer by law but by choice.

Choice. A word that people 50 years ago fought for so that there can be unlimited ways that you can make one. But the one

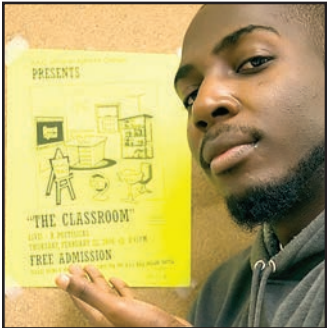
choice we shouldn't be making is to choose to separate - to segregate.

It is disturbing to see that certain groups of people separate themselves and act like they can get away with something because of their color. I hate it when skin color becomes a determinant of one's lifestyle. It's as if their color had its own personality and its own mind. It creates certain expectations. Character is overshadowed by color and their potential hidden by stereotypes.

In a country that lives by the motto, *E Pluribus Unum*, out of many one, we have not yet achieved togetherness. We are far from completing the dream. When the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous speech, his goal was to end racism and inequality for all. It was not to create a black elite society, or any other racial societies, that would one day conquer the nation and outnumber the whites. He was more interested in a society free of prejudice whatever the color a person may be. It was the kind of dream that out of many differences, one nation will stand united.

Check out the extended version of this article at gcsunade.com.

Black History Month still essential in today's society



BY PAUL GRIGSBY
COLUMNIST

I don't know why we need Black History Month. Every time February rolls around, there is an ominous foreboding about the importance of the black people's history. I mean, we know that the only two important people in black history are Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. One said, "By any means necessary." The other said, "Little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers." End of lesson; we know everything about black history.

We know of the middle passage and countless atrocities that are documented in history. We also honor those who experienced those tragedies like any group that experienced a great evil. We know the names of all nine children who faithfully marched into Central High School in

Little Rock, Ark. and set the stage for school desegregation everywhere. We know that Charlene Hunter and Hamilton E. Holmes were the first African-Americans to desegregate the University of Georgia. And the first African-American woman to attend Georgia College and State University was... Are you drawing a blank?

I'm sure all of our teachers explained bussing to us and school closings due to forced integration. The protesters against integration were both white and black. I'm sure we all learned that African-American and European-American race relations are intertwined and the history of how our races relate is as significant as founding dates like the day the Declaration of Independence was signed and the day the Civil Rights Act was signed into law.

The history of African-Americans is a reflection on the social consciousness of America. The experiences of African-Americans expose American history that perverts the dream of justice and establishes an unjust hoax for all Americans. Events in black history not only paved way to an end of injustice for African-Americans. They are also significant because the

signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, an important event in black history, ended legal discrimination based on gender, religion and nationality. This moment paved the way for a better America. So in way, black history is the history of a better America. And don't let us forget all the other groups that are considered to have special history including Asian-Americans, women, Arab-Americans, Caribbean-Americans, Latin-Americans, Native-Americans, and Africans who immigrated to the U.S., or any group that has endured hardship due to those who pervert the dream of America.

And when this other history comes up in classes and is narrowed down into two people and a maybe a few pages about civil rights, the hoax of America is undeniable. Until there is equal coverage of all history in education, I know there is a need for a special month where at least for 28 days the contributions of "the other" are honored just like the contributions of Middle-Aged white American males. And I'm sure when you go to class today, your professor will tell you about an African-American's contribution to your specific field of study.

Unicycle makes the man



KYLE DOMINY / SENIOR REPORTER
Josh Powell loves to ride his unicycle around campus. He also enjoys clowning around.

BY KYLE DOMINY
SENIOR REPORTER

Everyone knows Josh Powell when they see him. Even if you don't know his name you can always identify him. He's the guy on the unicycle.

"When I'm on the unicycle it seems I have a lot more friends," Josh said.

His statement is easily proven, because curious bystanders are always stopping to ask questions or to watch him ride.

"Some people are just wierded out like, 'what's this kid doing riding a unicycle?'" Josh said. "And some people come up and talk to me, which I don't mind."

"What is that?" Some ask pointing at his unicycle with dumbfounded looks in their eyes. "How do you ride that?" is another popular question. But Josh doesn't mind the extra attention. He calmly answers everyone's questions in a friendly tone that makes them feel like they've known him all their life.

He will even give people the chance to learn his unique skill. First, the curious student gets to fly solo, but after falling a couple of times Josh will step up and give a few pointers.

Josh does more than just

ride a unicycle. He is fully trained in several circus acts, including juggling (regular objects and torches), stilt walking and tight rope walking.

"I actually went to a camp when I was a kid," Josh explained. "Circus camp. I loved it and I would go every year."

He went on to say that he loved circus camp so much that he became a teacher at the camp and passed his expertise on to others wanting to learn the skills of circus performing.

Oddly enough, when Josh was a child he never considered joining the circus.

"I like the circus," Josh said. "But when I was a kid I never wanted to grow up and be in the circus, which is sort of weird considering what I can do."

Instead Josh used his childhood talent in street performances and festivals.

"When you are 10 years old and you are riding a unicycle around and juggling, people are very impressed. They give you a lot of money," he said with a proud smile on his face.

But these talents come at a price, usually a physical one. Josh has several scars on his shins and ankles from falling off his unicycle.

One can actually do tricks on a unicycle, much like BMX cycling, and Josh has memories of his tricks embedded in his legs.

"I finally got smart and bought shin guards," Josh said.

On top of the trick unicycling Josh also juggles fire. Plus he made his own torches. Josh explained that regulation torches cost \$30 a piece. So he logged on to the Internet and found the materials he needed and a blue print.

Since unicycling and juggling are not widely popular activities Josh also uses the internet to draw inspiration. YouTube provides numerous videos demonstrating people doing insane things. Josh doesn't try all of them, he sticks with the sensible ones, that wouldn't cause too much bodily harm if something were to go awry.

Josh doesn't just use his circus abilities in his personal life, he likes to take his "toys" with him to the classroom on special occasions.

Being part of the special education cohort, Josh spends two days a week working with special needs children at different school for six week periods. You can just imagine the faces of the children when Josh walks in with his juggling balls and unicycle.

"The kids like it," Josh said with that same proud smile. "They enjoy having a teacher with talent. I'm just a big kid, too."

Part of that day would be spent learning how to jug-

gle and watching Josh perform. Probably a much need break from the usual curriculum.

And this reveals Josh's true talent.

"I have always had a passion for helping disabled kids," Josh said. At his home in Dekalb County Josh's mother is the head of Special Olympics. Josh was an avid volunteer and always enjoyed the experience. In fact, he fronted his own swim team.

"That was an experience, because I take these kids who couldn't swim at all and I taught them how to swim competitively, which was awesome," Josh said.

Emily Ballard, Josh's girlfriend, is very proud of his accomplishments.

"He was the state swim coach for the Special Olympics this year. He loves working with children and being the center of attention, but not in a selfish way. He just loves to make people happy," Ballard said.

When he's not in the classroom, he's back to his unicycle and juggling balls. His roommate, Lance Ballard, can account for this.

"He is crazy," Josh said. "He's always on his unicycle and juggling."

Josh may sound odd to some, but he is a unique individual who knows how to have fun and help people along the way.

So next time you see a guy on a unicycle, wave at him. It's probably Josh, and he'll talk to you like he's known you all of his life.



KYLE DOMINY / SENIOR REPORTER

V-day or d-day: now you decide

BY LEE SANDOW
SENIOR REPORTER

You can call Valentine's Day whatever you want. It might be that magical day of the year where couples come together more than normal and celebrate their feelings for one another. It might be a Hallmark holiday, designed to encourage spending during the economic slowdowns following the winter spending season. It might have been instated for the sole purpose of making single people feel lonely and dejected.

Choose whatever description you're the most comfortable with.

Opinions vastly differ about Valentine's Day.

What cannot be denied, however, is that Valentine's Day is a high-pressure event for people both in and out of relationships. The people who have a date often feel compelled to buy romantic gifts for their partner, and the single individuals have to deal with the bombardment of Valentine's Day advertisements that exist around every turn.

Curiously, St. Valentine's Day is no longer recognized as an official holiday, and has not been for over 500 years. So what's all the hubbub about?



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Some history about St. Valentine and his day

Little concrete information about St. Valentine has survived the wrath of time.

What is known is that there were two St. Valentines, and were both martyred in the time of ancient Rome. They were honored by the Roman Catholic Church with feasts that occurred every year on (surprise) February 14.

It also became a day to celebrate fertility in Athens (Greece, not Georgia) called Lupercalia. The writer Plutarch described these festivals, mentioning how "many of the noble youths and of the magistrates run up and down through the city naked, for sport and laughter striking those they meet with

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Winners at the Grammys soar

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF WRITER

Red Hot Chili Peppers - Stadium Arcadium

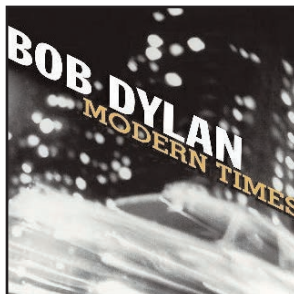
Dixie Chicks - Taking the Long Way



After winning five Grammys in 2007, the country trio swept their nominations, winning album of the year, record of the year, song of the year, best country collaboration with vocals and country album of the year on Sunday night. This album is riddled with a more mature look from the Texas natives. For the first time they helped write the songs to their album giving "Taking the Long Way" a more personalized message.

Their songs are still catchy, but now have substance. With songs like "I'm Not Ready to Make Nice" and "Lullaby" you can have a romantic evening with the album or sing it loud in your car with the windows down. There's a reason the Dixie Chicks raked in the golden trophies. Their fifth album is their best album. This album's a little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll.

Mary J. Blige - The Breakthrough



Blige's seventh album stole the show with eight nominations. She won the awards for best female R&B vocal performance, best R&B song, and best R&B album. Blige puts the heart in heartache with songs like "No One Will Do," "Enough Cryin," and her hit single "Be Without You." The Breakthrough could be her best album yet because of her collaborations with the likes of Jay-Z and Bono.

This album's title speaks for itself. Blige broke through and became even more mature than her audience thought possible from her previous album "Reflections: a Retrospective." She's even more soulful, powerful, and influential than before.

Even after releasing their greatest hits album, the Chili Peppers come back in full force. "Stadium Arcadium" is two hours worth of musical genius. Anthony Kiedis said, "This is the best album we've ever done" and the Grammys felt the same way. They were nominated for five, awards winning best rock performance by a duo or group with vocal, best rock album, best boxed or special limited edition package, and best rock song with "Danni California."

"Stadium Arcadium" is their most diverse album yet, mixing jazz, R&B, '80s rock and, of course, their unique alternative rock. Every one of their 28 songs are either good or great. If you had one album to listen to for the next couple of months "Stadium Arcadium" would fit the requirements: catchy, intriguing and diverse.

Bob Dylan - Modern Times

Bob Dylan is most certainly back. "Modern Times" is the best album Dylan has released since "Blonde on Blonde." He's bringing back the universal truths that his old work portrayed. "Modern Times" is the icing on the cake, making Dylan one of the best song writers of all time.

The Grammy's awarded him best contemporary folk/Americana album and best solo rock vocal performance. Dylan is 65 years old and still winning awards. Not many performers can say that they've been winning awards and putting out albums in five different decades, but Dylan has done just that. Victoria Secret advertisements and all, Bob Dylan is still a media force to be reckoned with.

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National Condom Day and Valentine's Day both fall on Feb. 14, killing two birds with one stone.

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shaggy things.”
That’s probably never mentioned on the greeting cards.
It wasn’t until the middle ages that Valentine’s Day took on a theme of courtship. It became commonplace for people to have their Valentine’s to dote on their date, and laid the foundation for what became the American tradition, though the Roman legacy might have contributed as well.
Valentine’s Day also exists in other manifestations throughout the world, and many occur during mid-February. Some deal with gifts, and some do not. The common theme throughout them all is the one strong emotion that rules all human beings.
No, not the sex drive. Love. Or like. Or friendship, if you prefer.
Roses are red

One of the best ways to demonstrate your affection for somebody is to look them in the eyes and tell

them how you feel (for you long-distance relationships, I’m sure a nice phone call or letter will suffice as well).
But for the material individual, or for somebody who likes for their assurances to come in tangible forms, a nice gift will serve the purpose. Besides, nobody likes to look cheap.
The Colonnade conducted a survey of 50 randomly chosen students to see what they thought of the more common Valentine’s Day gifts.
The results were surprisingly universal for some gifts, and incredibly varied for others.
Flowers were regarded as romantic by most of the GCSU population, with some individuals considering them to be “sweet.”
Most everybody regarded lingerie as “sexy,” though a couple of the individuals surveyed said they wouldn’t give this gift at all.
On the whole, homemade gifts like a mixed CD were considered sweet, while home-cooked meals were romantic or even sexy. Massages done by your partner were usually

also considered to be sweet and/or sexy.
There was one gift on the survey that everyone decided to steer away from: Tattoos with his/her name on it. I guess that’s taking commitment to a Valentine too far.
That and the fact that the surgery to remove a tattoo is expensive.

The wallets are blue

The data from the survey suggests that homemade gifts are sweet, but aren’t particularly romantic or sexy. Now, depending on what effect you want your gift to have, this suggests that a trip to the store might be in order.
An article on retailindustry.about.com states that the average American male will spend \$120 on gifts for their loved ones, while the average American female will cap at \$50 for their loved ones.
Individuals ages 18-24 are expected to spend the most money, with an expected average of \$180 per person.
That much money doesn’t always go a long way. A dozen roses from the Kroger on N. Columbia Street sell for \$30 and up. A special Hershey’s Chocolate gift ordered from their Web site can cost as much \$30. A visit for two to the Serenity Wellness Spa in Milledgeville will set you back a cool \$285.

The flowers and the trees

Competing with Valentine’s Day on February 14 is National Condom Day. According to the National Social Health Association, about half of the new cases of STD’s are reported by individuals aged 18 to 24.
As an interesting aside, the birthrate is highest during the months of October and November, according to the 2000 census.
But all these facts are probably entirely unrelated to Valentine’s Day.

A rose by any other name

Single is a bad word to use to describe dateless people on V-Day. The Colonnade’s survey asked what people would/will do on Valentine’s Day if they were/are single, and nearly nobody said they would sit around and feel sorry for themselves.
Julie Stone, a junior psychology major will be single this Valentine’s Day, but she certainly won’t be alone.

“I’ll probably just go hang out with some of my single friends, and we’ll all talk about how stupid this holiday is,” Stone said.
Willie Taylor knew exactly what he’d do in the event that he was single.
“I’d go to the bar and get drunk on whisky and (soda),” Taylor said. “Because if I can’t be with someone, I’d rather get trashed with my friends and watch Sportscenter on the

big screen.”
Amanda Foley isn’t bothered by Valentine’s Day one way or the other.
“I don’t like to let overrated holidays get me down,” Foley said.
On a final note, the survey concluded that of 50 people, 25 will not be single on Valentine’s Day, 19 will be single, 3 are unsure, and 3 didn’t read the whole page and skipped it altogether.

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THE SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN



Real Reason for Valentines

This week marks the week of Valentine's Day where friends, family, and lovers express their appreciation for each other by sending cards, candy, or flowers to each another. Legend has it that Valentine's Day originated as a commemoration of a Christian martyr named Valentine.

In the city of Rome, an Emperor named "Claudius the Cruel" drafted citizens to the Roman army. Many of the Romans refused to go and wanted to stay with their families or their sweethearts. In order to maintain a strong militia, the emperor banned all marriages and engagements.

A Roman priest named Valentine heard of the emperor's command and was upset by the order. Valentine secretly began uniting young couples in marriage. Claudius found out what Valentine was doing and ordered that he be put into jail. Valentine eventually died in jail and was buried in the church of St. Praxedes on February 14.

While that is a nice story that is not thereal reason we celebrate Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is designed to rejuvenate a relationship's romance after football season and before basketball and baseball seasons.

Football season swings into full gear in October and lasts until February. Basketball season is in session now, but the real intensity does not occur for another couple of weeks with the beginning of "March Madness." After basketball season, the "boys of summer are back" as baseball season returns. Baseball season lasts all summer long and does not finish until the end of October, just as football season begins.

There is only one period in this cycle for rest. Can you guess when it is? It is the time directly following the Super Bowl until the opening of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. This period is roughly from the first week of February to the third week in March. The date of February 14 falls in this time period.

Valentine's Day is located in the midst of this period of few sports for men to give recognition to their number one fan, their sugar mama. Men, put down the remote and show your appreciation for your lady for putting up with sports by buying her flowers and taking her out to dinner.

Killer C's coast by Men

BY WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

The heartbreak continued for the men's basketball team on Valentine's Day against Armstrong Atlantic State University with a ___ loss Wednesday at the Centennial Center.

The week before Valentine's Day was dominated by frustration as the team lost a couple of close games. The week started on a low note at Columbus State as the Bobcats walked away with a wild double overtime loss. The Cougars hit a jumper with 18 seconds left in the second overtime to win the game 104-103.

The troubles continued that weekend against Clayton State at home. On homecoming weekend, the Bobcats lost 60-44 in a defensive battle at the Centennial Center. The team shot 27.5 percent (14-of-51) and only scored a season low 44 points. The Bobcats were strong defensively, holding the Lakers to 37 percent (20-of-54) shooting.

The team's cold shooting could be attributed to the absence of the hot shooting of senior guard Aaron Gibbs. Gibbs is averaging over 13 points per game against conference teams, including over 40 percent from beyond the arc.

Through all this misfortune, the Bobcats have had an optimistic view of the future. Sophomore guard Ken Kemp says it was just a rough week.

"It was just a bad week when we played against those two teams," Kemp said. "A lot of people were sick including (Aaron Gibbs). The games were close and it could have gone either way. (The team) knows we are capable of winning those games, we just need to play with more determination."

GCSU is 3-7 against the three teams above them in their division (Columbus State, Clayton State, and Armstrong Atlantic State) in the past two seasons. The Bobcats are yet to beat these teams this season.

GCSU's leading scorer, junior Aaron Clark, believes the team is on the right track and just needs to stay strong defensively.

"The core of our team is defense," Clark said. "We have worked on our shooting this week in practice but our defense is our crutch. If we play well defensively, we can beat anyone."

The common theme in the Bobcats' struggles is their inability to finish games. Head Coach Terry Sellers knows his team has the talent they just need to play strong for the entire game.

"We are not really playing well for 40 minutes," Sellers said. "To come away with victories in this league, you must play for the whole game. We have just had too many lapses the last couple of games."

The team plays two out of their final three games against Clayton State and Columbus State. GCSU's next home game is Wednesday against Columbus State.



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Levert Carter (34) gives the crowd something to cheer for at the homecoming game on Saturday with a slam dunk against Clayton State. GCSU lost to the No. 10 Lakers 60-44.

Tennis season is in full swing



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Rodrigo Yamauti prepares for the season during practice by perfecting his forehand swing. The practice has paid off as Yamauti has led the men's tennis team to 3-0 record (1-0 PBC) and a ranking of 21 in the FILA tennis rankings.

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The sound of a ball cracking as it is swatted by a racquet followed by a loud grunt coming from the Centennial Center tennis courts can only mean one thing: Tennis season has begun.

The GCSU men's and women's squad enter this season nationally ranked and with high expectations.

"With the men, the goal is always to win (the conference)," head coach Steve Barsby said. "With the women, we're good, we can easily compete in the top five or six in the country, but it's a tough conference."

The Peach Belt Conference (PBC) is an elite conference in men's and women's tennis, claiming eight of the top 40 teams in the nation in both categories.

The PBC alone gives each team an intense

schedul., That, coupled with a late-March invitational tournament, hosted by the University of West Florida in Pensacola, where many of the nations elite programs compete, will show both squads exactly where they stand nationally.

"It's great to have a schedule like that, you know, we are going in as the fifth ranked team in the conference and we're No. 21 in the country, that says a lot right there and then we play some of the best teams in the Pensacola Tournament, plus Valdosta State who won it all for the men's last year," Barsby said. "You really know how good a team you are."

The Bobcats and No. 9 Lady Bobcats have begun the season on a tear each starting off 3-0, highlighted by the women blanking UNC-Pembroke 9-0 and the men demolishing No. 38 Mount Olive 9-0 last Saturday.

The men look to sophomore Erick Siqueiro and senior Rodrigo Yamauti to lead the team.

"Having two guys like them at the top of the lineup is great, they are the two main guys," said Barsby.

Siqueiro returns to the No. 1 slot for the Bobcats, after sitting out last season with an injury.

"I think expectations are pretty good," Siqueiro said. "Last year, I got injured but I'm just glad to be back out there now. I think, as a team, we're playing better than we have before."

Yamauti and Siqueiro are also doubles partners, where they are ranked No. 20 in Division II.

"Me and Erick have a good connection since we started playing together," Yamauti said.

A pair of seniors take the reigns to lead the Lady Bobcats.

Celine Martin claims the number-one position,

where she is currently ranked No. 14 in the nation, and Anna Davidson will also be an integral part of the team.

"(Martin and Davidson) are both playing real well right now," Barsby said. "The women's team is really deep if we can compete and play hard in every match, we're going to win a lot of matches. It's just a matter of at the end of the year where we fall."

Both squads are in action at home this weekend, hosting Newberry on Friday and Shorter on Saturday.

"It looks like it should be a fun season. I think the men are young, but on paper they are very talented and we just want to get out there and see what we can do. We know the women are very deep, and we have a lot of good players and it looks like we should be able to compete nationally and in the conference," said Barsby.

'Quita' named weekly queen of PBC

BY S. ASHLEE
MOONEYHAN
STAFF WRITER

The Peach Belt Conference (PBC) recently named Lady Bobcat, junior Marquita Driskell, Player of the Week (POW). Based on her outstanding stats and her consistency of dominance on the court Driskell has landed the distinct honor for the second time this season.

Out of the 12 teams inside the PBC, and the 20 or so players on each team, Driskell's overall performance stood out among the rest with an average of 21.5 points and 12.5 rebounds per game for the week. She is currently second in the PBC in scoring and third in rebounding.

Driskell said that she is honored, but will try to remain focused on the season and leave reflecting on her accomplishments for the end of the season.

She says she likes to try to "separate everything else from what goes on out on the court" so that she can play her best.

Head Coach John Carrick had just one word to describe how he felt to be the coach associated with such an accomplished player—"lucky."

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THE SHORT STOP



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STAT of the WEEK

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The number of hits given up by the combination of Lady Bobcat pitchers Mandy Chandler, Libby Kidd and Janna Chiver in two games against Clark-Atlanta last Thursday.

COACHES CORNER

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Week 4: Steve Barsby



Coach Steve Barsby has guided GCSU's men and women's tennis programs into national forces for the past six seasons.

Barsby has the No. 21 Bobcats and No. 9 Lady Bobcats ready to pounce again with both teams starting the season 3-0.

"We've got two strong teams this year that can compete with the best," Barsby said.

Barsby broke into tennis as a teenager growing up in Canada where hockey is king.

"I played hockey my whole life and when I was 14, a friend of mine who was into tennis said 'Hey, lets play some tennis,' got into it, loved it, never looked back," Barsby said. "I ended up getting ranked in Canada by the time I was 18 and got a scholarship and played over at Troy State in Alabama."

After spending four years at Troy where he earned All-Conference honors twice, he became a graduate assistant and eventually was offered the job as the Trojans' head coach.

Barsby got out of coaching after two years in order to pursue a master's degree at Florida State University and eventually moved back to Canada to teach sports management at Brock University in Ontario.

"My wife's family is from (Milledgeville)," Barsby said. "So when I left Canada we were moving here no matter what. So I called the coach and said 'hey I'll help, I'll volunteer.'"

Barsby ended up doing more than volunteering. Then tennis coach, Duward Whelchel was retiring and convinced Barsby to apply for the job.

"I applied and got the job, and I have never looked back since," Barsby said. "I love it, Georgia College has been great. I didn't play here, but I feel like I have the loyalty of a player who did. It's been like a second family."

Barsby also serves GCSU as an assistant athletic director, a position established after the implementation of the soccer program.

"When Stan Aldridge was rehired as the athletic director he got two assistants," Barsby said. "It was an internal search and I got it, I love it, love meeting and talking to players."

Barsby said his job is mostly paperwork, but that it is still enjoyable for him.

"(GCSU) is great," Barsby said. "I've loved every minute of everything I've done here."

Driskell

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What usually characterizes an athlete that is honored in such a way, according to Carrick, is someone who is an all-around good player and he feels that Driskell is just that. He says that in his 24 years of coaching, he has only seen a small number of his athletes receive the award.

Driskell says she is motivated each game by the desire to not lose. Carrick echoes the same sentiments by expressing a strong desire to win. Carrick's focus for the rest of the season is simply to "win the next one."

This POW honor not only reflects on Driskell, but also reflects positively on the Lady Bobcats and points directly to the collective efforts of the whole team playing alongside her.

Looking at the remainder of the season, Driskell says she wants to "gain focus as a team and [collectively] finish the season out strong."

Driskell has maintained dominance on the court with consistency throughout the season, with the Lady Bobcats standing strong at a current 16-7 for



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Marquita Driskell (32) was selected as the PBC player of the week for the week of February 5th. Driskell claimed her 14th double-double of the season with 24 points and 10 rebounds against Clayton State on homecoming last Saturday.

all games played so far this season, according to the PBC standings results.

An original resident of Milledgeville, graduating from Baldwin County High School, Driskell is a recipient of a GCSU athletic scholarship. She's been playing basketball the majority of her life, beginning at a basketball camp when she was only four years old.

Her plans for the future after college are still a toss-up. At this point, Driskell says she wants to keep her focus on what is happening now, and strive for peak performance playing hoops.

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